<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 2-8 and 10-16 are in the application.

Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 7 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has rewritten claims 7 and 15 in independent form as such.

Claims 2, 3 and 8 have been rewritten to depend on believed to be allowable claim 7 and claims 10, 11 and 16 have been rewritten to depend on believed to be allowable claim 15.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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